And it is meet I preſently ſet forth.
Duke. I am ſorry that your leiſure ſerves you not.
Anthonio, gratifie this Gentleman;
For in my mind you are much bound to him.
Exit Duke and his traine.
Baſſ. Moſt worthy Gentleman, I and my friend
Have by your wiſedome been this day acquitted
Of grievous penalties, in liew whereof,
Three thouſand Ducats due unto the Iew,
We freely cope your courtious paines withall.
Ant. And ſtand indebted over and above
In love and ſervice to you ever-more.
Por. He is well paid that is well ſatisfied,
And I delivering you, am ſatisfied,
And therein do account my ſelfe well paid;
My minde was never yet more mercinary.
I pray you know me when we meet againe,
I wiſh you well, and ſo I take my leave.
Baſſ. Deere ſir, of force I muſt attempt you further,
Take ſome remembrance of us as a tribute,
Not as fee: grant me two things I pray you,
Not to deny me, and to pardon me.
Por. You preſſe me farre, and therefore I will yeeld;
Give me your Gloves, Ile weare them for your ſake,
And for your love Ile take this Ring from you.
Do not draw back your hand, Ile take no more,
And you in love ſhall not deny me this.
Baſſ. This Ring good ſir, alas it is a trifle,
I will not ſhame my ſelfe to give you this.
Por. I will have nothing elſe but onely this,
And now me thinkes I have a mind to it.
Baſſ. There's more depends on this then on the value;
The deareſt Ring in *Venice* will I give you,
And find it out by proclamation,
Onely for this I pray you pardon me.
Por. I ſee ſir you are liberall in offers,
You taught me firſt to beg, and now me thinks
You teach me how a begger ſhould be anſwered.
Baſſ. Good

Baſſ. Good ſir, this Ring was given me by my wife,
And when ſhe put it on, ſhe made me vow,
That I ſhould neither ſell, nor give, nor looſe it.
Por. That ſcuſe ſerves many men to ſave their gif
And if your wife be not a mad woman,
And know how well I have deſerv'd this Ring,
She would not hold out enemy for ever,
For giving it to me: well, peace be with you. *Exe*
Anth. My L. *Baſſanio*, let him have the Ring,
Let his deſervings and my love withall
Be valued 'gainſt your wives commandement.
Baſſ. Go *Gratiano*, runne and over-take him,
Give him the Ring, and bring him if thou canſt
Unto *Anthonio's* houſe, away, make haſt. *Exit Grati*
Come, you and I will thither preſently,
And in the morning early will we both
Flie toward *Belmont*, come *Anthonio*. *Exe*

Enter Nerriſſa.

Por. Enquire the Iewes houſe out, give him this d
And let him ſigne it, wee'l away to night,
And be a day before our husbands home:
This deed will be well welcome to *Lorenzo*.

Enter Gratiano.

Grat. Faire ſir, you are well ore-tane:
My Lord *Baſſanio* upon more advice,
Hath ſent you here this Ring, and doth intreat
Your company at dinner.
Por. That cannot be;
His Ring I do accept moſt thankfully,
And ſo I pray you tell him: furthermore,
I pray you ſhew my youth old *Shylocks* houſe.
Grat. That will I do.
Ner. Sir, I would ſpeak with you:
Ile ſee if I can get my husbands Ring,
Which I did make him ſweare to keep for ever.